

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99-371)

PATENT

In re Application of: Thomason et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/391,861 ) Before the Examiner: Priebe  
Filed: September 7, 1999 ) Group Art Unit: 1632  
For: Fibroblast Growth Factor-Like )  
Polypeptides )

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 2, 2005**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims:** Pursuant to revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 2-5.

**Remarks:** Applicants' Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.